[English]

Import of Railway Goods

*187. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the money spent during 1994-95 and 1995-96 to purchase railway spare parts, coaches, locomotives and other related materials through imports; and

(b) the volume of orders placed to the Public Sector manufacturing Units of the country during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : Sir, the relevant figures are as under :

		1994-95	1995-96*
		(Rs. in crores)	
(a)	Money spent on Imports	312	388.51
(b)	Value of orders on Public Sector Undertakings	1619.40	2252.71

(* The figures for 1995-96 are provisional)

Facilities for Handicapped and lady Passengers

*188. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to reserve quota of berths in all the classes and in all the trains for the handicapped and provide special facilities in the bogies reserved for the lady passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the same is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) The following facilities are provided/planned to be provided to handicapped persons and lady passengers :

(i) Two berths in sleeper class in trains have been earmarked for handicapped passengers and their escorts.

(ii) Separate accommodation has been earmarked in suburban trains for handicapped persons.

(iii) One seat near the door in every second class compartment is being earmarked for handicapped persons.

(iv) Deployment of security personnel in/near ladies compartments to provide more security.

(c) While some of the facilities have already been provided, Zonal Railways have been advised to implement the remaining on priority.

[Translation]

Terrorist Activities

*189. SHRI LALIT ORAON :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the activities of I.S.I. in the Bihar-Bangladesh and the Bihar-Nepal border; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to check these activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b). Instances of activities of ISI on Bihar-Bangladesh and Bihar-Nepal border have come to notice. Government is alive to the situation and is keeping a close watch. All necessary steps including gearing up of intelligence and sharing of information about the movements of ISI activities are being taken. An institutionalised mechanism has been established for coordinated action. The Government of Bihar has been sensitised to counter the threats from ISI. Strict vigil is being maintained by the security and intelligence agencies on the Bihar-Bangladesh and Bihar-Nepal border and activities and movements of Pak ISI agents and their leaders operating on the border are also being closely monitored. Check-posts on the border are being strengthened.

[English]

Expansion of IDPL

*190. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the functions of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited during 1996-97; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA) : (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Time Taken in Issuing Railway Tickets

*191. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in Commercial Department of the